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SUBJECT: GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE ON US- EUROPE-
CANADA- JAPAN RELATIONS

1. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ASST. FOR EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS (VAN EEKELEN) TOLD US MAY 15 THAT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES HAS EXTENDED INVITATION THROUGH NETHS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON FOR GON TO SEND HIGH LEVEL GOVT OFFICIALS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 18-20 ON US- EUROPE- CANADA- JAPAN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY RELATIONS. UNLIKE MARCH 26-28 AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE WITH SIMILAR THEME, GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE WILL REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZE PARTICIPATION BY PEOPLE NOW IN GOVT.

2. VAN EEKELEN SAID MFA IS TAKING INVITATION SERIOUSLY, AND THAT HE AND MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN LYNDEN ARE CURRENTLY THINKING OF RECOMMENDING ATTENDANCE BY NEW MFA STATE SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN (READ EC) AFFAIRS BRINKHORTS AND MFA DIRECTOR FOR POLICY PLANNING POSTHUMUS MEYJES. BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, HOWEVER, VAN EEKELEN SAID HE AND VAN LYNDEN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT LEVEL OF USG INTEREST IN AND PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE. INVITATION SAID CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HOPED TO HAVE

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KISSINGER AND SONNENFELDT ADDRESS CONFERENCE. VAN EEKELEN
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER JUNE 18-20 TIMING WILL HOLD IN
LIGHT OF JUNE 18-26 BREZHNEV VISIT.

3. IF DEPT INTEREST IN GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE WARRANTS IT,
AMBASSADOR MIDDENDORF MIGHT REFER TO CONFERENCE DURING
FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S FAREWELL DINNER FOR HIM MAY 21 AND
ENCOURAGE HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE. IN OUR VIEW, GEORGETOWN
CONFERENCE WOULD BE EXCELLENT VEHICLE TO BRING ABOUT EARLY
VISIT TO US BY BRINKHORST, WHO WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN DETERMINING
NEW GOVT'S POLICY ON US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS. WE WOULD
HOPE THAT DURING COURSE OF VISIT MEETINGS COULD BE
ARRANGED WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, UNDER SECRETARY
CASEY AND ASST. SEC. STOESSEL, AMONG OTHERS. PLEASE ADVISE.
MIDDENDORF

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